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CRITERIA FOR IDENTIFICATION OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the definition of `unemployed` as defined by the Government;

(b) whether the unemployed persons enrolled in the present register of the employment exchange seeking employment are not considered unemployed by the Government; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor alongwith the criteria to identity actually unemployed persons?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR(SHRI VIJAY GOEL)

(a): The definition of `unemployed` as adopted by National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) is as follows: `Persons, who owing to lack of work, had not worked but either sought work through employment exchanges, intermediaries, friends or relatives or by making applications to prospective employers or expressed their willingness or availability for work under the prevailing conditions of work and remuneration.`

(b) & (c): All the job seekers registered with employment exchanges are not necessarily unemployed and all the unemployed do not necessarily register themselves with the employment exchanges. As such, the number of job seekers registered with the employment exchanges does not reflect the actual number of unemployed persons.